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SENATOR MAHONEY: What is the registration, Senator Syas?

SENATOR SYAS: Pardon?

SENATOR MAHONEY: What is your registration?

SENATOR SYAS: I said it's close to it.

SENATOR MAHONEY: But you're better than that, Senator Syas. Because when we were on your front room floor and we drew the maps, you knew block by block and census track by census track exactly how many Republicans were in this block and how many Democrats.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm glad you give me that credit. I didn't know I had it analyzed that well. Thank you. I think I have run pretty fair with both sides, if that's what you're getting at.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Syas, what is the.....

SENATOR SYAS: The Independents vote for me, too, I think.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Syas, in the 13th District, what is the proportion, the percentage?

SENATOR SYAS: I think you're pretty close right, I think it's.....

SENATOR MAHONEY: But I did not say it, Senator Syas. I'm waiting for your answer.

SENATOR SYAS: It's....I don't really know. I've never checked it that closely. There's a slight Republican edge.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Then that's what you want to know? And you're saying that you never wanted to be an Independent and for Heaven's sake, you never want to be a Democrat.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm going to stick with the party I'm now registered in and I think the Democrats....the Independents have a right to run for political office.

SENATOR MAHONEY: That's fine, Senator Syas. And then I'veyou've answered my questions. You may sit down.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I'm going to get to close, anyhow.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well, you'll get that opportunity. Senator Syas would make a real good Republican party leader..... Senator Syas here today. For the first time in all of the years....remember he's the Dean of this Legislature..... who'd once and for all stand up and be counted on the Republican side of the aisle and vote for the first time for a partisan Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Murphy and then Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR MURPHY: This morning Senator Fellman had a question of Senator Syas if he knew who the majority leader...who the leader of the Conservative party in Congress was. And Senator Syas, I join you. I don't know who the leader of the Conservative party is. But I'll tell you one thing on Sunday McNamara is going to be the leader.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.